

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted concurrently with Applicants request for continued examination in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004. Claim 25 has been amended; claims 39-50 have been newly added; claims 19-24 and 26-38 have been withdrawn; and claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants believe that the amendment to claim 25 and newly added claim subject matter in claims 39-50 is fully supported in the specification and thus provides no new matter. Applicants believe that the presently pending claims 25 and 39-50 should be rendered patentable over the cited art of record. In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejects claim 25 as allegedly anticipated in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,118,915 ("Sato"). Applicants believe that Sato is distinguishable from the claimed invention for a number of different reasons. For example, the wave filter 12 in Sato is merely an optical filter and thus not for connecting to an outside optical connector as required by the claimed invention. In addition, the V-shaped grooves 10 Sato are formed in (i.e., fixed to) the V-group substrate 9. This clearly contrasts the two mounts as claimed which are positioned by the positioning structure and thus are not fixed to or formed in the positioning structure. Moreover, Sato fails to provide the walls of the positioning structure in direct contact with side faces of the mounts as claimed where, indeed, the Patent Office asserts that the V-group substrate 9 in Sato corresponds to the package having a positioning structure and the V-shaped grooves 10 correspond to the two mounts. See, Office Action, page 3. Based on at least these reasons, Applicants believe that the claimed invention is distinguishable from Sato and thus the anticipation rejection in view of Sato should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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